

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
April 16, 2013 Meeting
Harold Martin School

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Present were: Lee Wilder, Derek Owen, Jed Merrow, Rob Knight, Erick Leadbeater, Ron Klemarczyk and Doug Giles.

Guest present: John Kanter

Meeting was called to order at 1930 EDT by chairperson, Derek Owen.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes of 02/19/13 were approved.
2. Treasurer's report approved as presented by Jed.
3. Invasive species project continues. Eric report talks with Stacy continue.
4. Ron reports clearing of Rollins Lot field is still scheduled to take place when conditions are good.
5. Jed is compiling photos and culvert data and working on report, using format from similar reports from other NH Towns. He showed an example using Brown's Brook west of NH Rte. 103, east of Hopkinton Fair Grounds. Completed summary reports will be discussed with the Town Road Agent (John Thayer). Jed and Ron will work on that.
6. Rob Knight says Town has approved language in Town Trail Agreement template for use with private property owners having a Town trail crossing their property. Re the Hopkinton Village Greenway, two landowners are being approached. Ron reports that he is also working with Dan Dustin on a trail agreement between two Bohanan parcels.
7. Ron and Bob Lapree continue to work on River access from Bohanan Lot.
8. Rob and Lee report that the HCC project to place Hopkinton Conservation Boundary Markers on Town Conservation Lots continues.
9. The project of collecting maps of all Hopkinton Conservation Lots and trails and posting them on the HCC website was discussed. Doug met with the Open Space Committee at their meeting on Wednesday March 13, 2013. The Open Space Committee will meet with Denis Goddard, who has worked on the website. Doug will track this progress. Rob will collect information as to a list of Town Conservation Parcels and Town Forests for the next HCC meeting.
10. Possible conservation parcel on Town owned land at the junction of the Blackwater and the Contoocook. A conservation easement will be put on the entire lot. Then the lot will be put out to bid by the Town. Rob said that Five Rivers would write the deed and hold the Conservation Easement. There will be some Stewardship and legal fees involved.
11. John Kanter, of the NH Fish and Game non-game species, came to this meeting at Jed's request to discuss a Town species habitat map. Currently maps such as "NH Wildlife Habitat Land Cover Map 2010" and "2010 Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat by Ecological Condition" exist. Using these we could make a flora and fauna map of Hopkinton. Such a map could have many uses. For example a copy for Hopkinton's Planning Board would serve as an informational tool in their deliberations. Jed will discuss possible project with the Cooperative Extension Service.
12. Ron, Rob and others have met with the landowner who was "over the line" at the Bohanan Lot. They still plan to do a follow-up inspection in the Spring of 2013.
13. A cell tower was proposed on the Town Aquaduct Lot off Old Putney Hill Road. Ron had checked with the Selectmen. After a public hearing, on March 25, 2013 the Selectmen voted not to take this proposal to the voters.
14. Eric reports that with the help of Hopkinton's Superintendent of Schools, Steve Chamberlin, the HCC Summer 2013 Conservation Camp Program hopes to sponsor Jacob Killam's attendance at the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, NH. Payment was voted to be made to the UNH Cooperative Extension Service for \$485. When Jacob is

- notified of the award, he will be invited to report his camp experience to the HCC at their September meeting.
15. Rob Knight attended the Special Places Conference on April 6, 2013.
 16. Hopkinton Scout, Carter Eitreim was voted \$86. in supplies to finish the information Kiosk at the Bohanan Lot.
 17. Rob will check where the 2012 Bohanan Lot conservation easement monitoring report is.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lee is filing the conservation easements for the Brockway and Johnson/Hawthorne and Janeway Lots.
2. Rob reports that two spring 2013 bird walks are scheduled. There was concern that the Ransmeier Lot parking area is small and currently muddy. Rob will let 5 Rivers know of these conditions.
3. The parking lot at Ransmeier Woods needs work to alleviate the muddy conditions. Ron will look into a possible solution.
4. Seven Bridges and a work schedule for the Hopkinton Greenway Trail were discussed. They would be on the Ransmeier and Aquaduct Lots plus one on private property. The Trails Subcommittee of the HCC and the Open Space Committee are looking into this. They will report back to the HCC.

Meeting adjourned at 2110 EDT.

Many thanks to Doug for hosting. The next HCC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 21, 2013 at 1930 EDT at the Kimball Lake Cabins. Derek is host.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder, HCC Secretary and Vice Chairperson